Facilities in Dr. RML Hospital

372. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital where the victims of the terrorists attack on Parliament were taken was found to be ill-equipped to tackle such a situation;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been made by Government to identify the various departments of the hospital lacking the facilities when faced with such crisis;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir. The hospital is fully equipped to tackle such a situation. After terrorists attack on Parliament on 13.12.2001, 17 injured persons were brought to the casualty wing of the RML Hospital and all these patients were promptly transferred to the ward for necessary management / treatment. Patients who needed immediate surgical intervention were operated upon. All the necessary equipments needed for investigation / treatment were available and functional on that day.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Report of select committee of House of Lords on Ayurveda

373. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Select Committee on Science and Technology of the House of Lords in its 6th Report dismissed Ayurveda as unscientific;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it has placed Ayurveda in a group of alternative therapies;

(c) if so, the details of the report; and

(d) what action Government contemplate on this?